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1. What is the city doing to restrict cigarette sales near schools?

2. How many different long snappers did the Eagles use in their loss Sunday?

3. What HBO show Is "Office Christmas Party" star T.J. Miller currently on?

3 things you need to know

GERMAN LEFT-LEANING PARTIES MEET TO EXPLORE COALITION OPTION

German lawmakers from the center-left Social Democrats and two smaller parties met on Sunday to explore the possibility of forming a coalition government to replace Chancellor Angela Merkel next year. The SPD, environmentalist Greens and leftist Linke party already have more seats in parliament than Merkel's conservative bloc but divisions at federal level - especially on foreign policy - have prevented them from forming a national government. Merkel currently leads a right-left coalition of her conservatives - the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian CSU allies - and the smaller SPD. Merkel, whose popularity slumped after Germany let in 890,000 migrants last year, will seek a fourth term in office in a national election due in autumn 2017. REUTERS

ABOUT 40 CARS IN PILEUP ON SNOWY HIGHWAY NEAR DETROIT

2 A pileup involving about 40 cars in snowy conditions forced the temporary closure of part of Interstate 75 northwest of Detroit on Saturday and several motorists were injured, a spokesman for state police said. Michigan State Police posted photographs on Twitter of cars with damage to their bumpers and several vehicles with their trunks popped open, apparently after colliding with each other. No one was killed in the collision less than 40 miles northwest of Detroit, but some people were transported to area hospitals with injuries that were not life-threatening, according to the tweets from the Metro Detroit section of Michigan State Police. REUTERS

N. KOREA'S KIM GUIDES SPECIAL OPERATIONS DRILL TARGETING SOUTH

3 North Korean leader Kim Jong Un guided a special operations drill targeting the South, the North's media reported on Sunday, as rival South Korea remained on alert for any attempt by the North to take advantage of political turmoil in the South. The North's KCNA state news agency report did not say when North Korean forces conducted the combat exercise, nor did it mention the South Korean parliament's vote on Friday to impeach its president, Park Geun-hye. Pictures in a Sunday report on the exercise in the North's Rodong Sinmun newspaper showed what appeared to be a mock-up of South Korea's presidential Blue House as a target. Park will remain in the Blue House, though her powers have been suspended and assumed by the South's prime minister while the Constitutional Court weighs parliament's impeachment vote. REUTERS

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WINTRY WEEK AHEAD

Bolaris' Weather Watch

Old Person Winter (politically incorrect to say Old Man Winter) was jabbing away last night with some areas along the interior sections of the northeast corridor picking up a few slushy inches of snow.

The snow line last night basically extended across Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, through northwest New Jersey on into the Lower Hudson Valley and central Connecticut and cutting through the hills north and west of Boston. Expect Boston to pick up some snow before changing to rain this morning.

The storm system responsible for the wintry mix of snow and rain will be moving away today as skies across the Northeast will clear during the afternoon hours.

We catch a nice break for the midweek as temperatures will hang mainly in the 40s.

However, hang on to your ski beanie, as the most frigid outbreak since last mid-February will invade the entire region on Thursday and Friday. You will be walking with an extra skip in your step as your eyes tear and your teeth chatter. The mercury will hover in the mid-to-upper 20s. Combined with the wind chill factor, the temperature will feel more like the single digits by day and below zero at night.

The weekend

The arctic air mass will begin to change. At the same time, a milder flow aloft, combined with a possible storm system, could mean a wintry bout of snow, sleet and freezing rain, before changing to rain. Mixed signals on just how significant, and timing on the event. Right now, I would lean toward saying a wintry mix is more likely on Saturday, but I'm sure your local TV meteorologist will keep you updated — after numerous teases.

Philadelphia

Today: Rain ending by early afternoon, 49.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 46.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 43.

Thursday: Arctic blast, windy, 26.

Friday: Arctic blast, windy, 25.

Saturday: Wintry mix, 35.

Sunday: Clearing, 40.

Ronald Galati Sr., left, and Ronald Galati Jr. PHILLY DA'S OFFICE

Philly man sentenced for attempted murder and insurance scams

Ronald Galati Sr. was already serving prison time for plotting to kill his daughter's boyfriend.

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A South Philadelphia man already in prison for plotting to kill his daughter's boyfriend faces up to 29 years in prison for another murder-for-hire plot and a variety of scams run out of his auto body repair shop, prosecutors said.

Ronald Galati Sr., 66, was sentenced Friday to serve 14½ to 29 years in prison for attempted murder and various fraud charges. He was also ordered to pay $1.8 million to the insurance companies he defrauded, and another $200,000 to the city, according to the office of Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams.

His son, Ronald Galati Jr., 39, was also sentenced for his role in the insurance scam. He will serve up to 23 months of house arrest, followed by another eight years probation, authorities said. He also was ordered to pay restitution of $200,000 to Philadelphia and $250,000 to Erie Insurance.

Robert Otterson, a former city employee who pleaded guilty to conspiracy for his role in the scam and to perjury, will be sentenced Dec. 16.

Galati Sr. is already serving 22 years in prison on federal charges that he hired three men to kill his daughter's boyfriend, according to Philly.com. He was sentenced Friday for plotting to kill his friend and his friend's son for testifying against him before a grand jury investigating his insurance fraud scams, the news site has reported.

He also has reported ties to Joseph Ligambi, a reputed mob boss, the website stated.

Galati and his son operated a repair shop, American Collision, on South 20th Street near Snyder Avenue.

In one of the most bizarre cases, the father-and-son duo defrauded insurance companies for nearly $2 million by using deer corpses to fake car accidents, then collecting the insurance money, prosecutors said.

The scam involved the Galatis keeping deer carcasses and deer blood in the shop to simulate accidents and take realistic-looking photographs of the damage to file the claims.

They also bilked Philly taxpayers for $400,000 after winning a contract in 2010 for overflow repair work for city vehicles through the Office of Fleet Management, where Otterson had been a supervisor, prosecutors said.

"Galati Sr. secured the contract because he colluded with Robert Otterson who was a Fleet Management Team Leader and Licensed Appraiser to manipulate the bidding process," the prosecutor's office said in a March statement announcing the charges. "Otterson not only told Galati the amount he should bid for the city contract, but he also passed American Collision through the preliminary inspection despite the fact that the shop did not own the required welder."

Prosecutors said that while Otterson was directing city vehicles to American Collision for repairs, Galati was overbilling the city, listing as much as triple the amount of hours per job as were actually completed. In one case, they billed 200 hours at $30 an hour for a job that should have taken 57 hours, according to the city.

A car with a scratched bumper was billed by Galati as taking 113 hours to repair, when the city estimated it should have taken no more than 16 hours.

In another case, American Collision charged the city $6,000 for parts for one repair job, even though $4,000 worth of the required parts were provided to the shop by the city.

Galati Jr. actively participated in the scam, prosecutors said.

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BRIEF

Donate to Metro's Toy Drive
In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Metro is once again launching Metro Magic, our annual toy drive for underprivileged children in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

This year marks the 7th anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor in chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive.

"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help other's and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen.

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to Metro .us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic story on the homepage.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

This season, we hope you will remember the children who will spend the holidays in shelters or who may not have gifts to open. Even one small gift can make a big difference in a child's holiday season.

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The Lyft Amp, a new color-changing sign Lyft drivers will get to use to identify themselves to passengers. PROVIDED

Lyft claims taxi app lifts fortunes in Philly

Lyft says it brought millions in new spending to the Philly economy

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Even as they've sparked outrage, protests and lawsuits, the mega-popular new taxi apps that turned the traditional cab industry on its head say they've delivered significant economic benefits to the cities where they operate.

Lyft suggests in its 2017 economic impact study that it has brought roughly tens of millions of dollars in benefits to Philadelphia in terms of increased economic spending and savings to customers.

"Lyft is proud to be providing flexible economic opportunities for drivers, improving transportation access for passengers, and increasing economic activity in Philly," Andrew Woolf, Lyft's Philadelphia general manager, said in a statement. "This study also shows that ride-sharing helps make Philly safer: 81 percent of passengers are more likely to avoid driving while intoxicated because of Lyft."

Lyft passengers have brought $38.6 million worth of "new spending" to the local economy in Philadelphia, according to Lyft's economic impact report, which was released on Monday.

Seventy-eight percent of Lyft's passengers use the app to commute to restaurants and entertainment, according to company's study.

Meanwhile, 42 percent of Lyft passengers said in a Lyft survey that the app helps them spend more at local businesses. About 64 percent said Lyft provides more access to more areas, and 67 percent said they've gone out more frequently and stayed out longer because of Lyft.

Lyft also estimated that its service has saved passengers about one million hours over alternative transportation, a value of $23.2 million, the report stated.

The company noted that it provides a supplemental source of income for Lyft drivers.

Eighty-two percent of its drivers need the flexible hours that working for Lyft provides, the company report stated. Thirty-two percent work in creative professions, and 20 percent are small business owners.

Lyft's drivers in the Philadelphia area are 70 percent racial or ethnic minorities, and 34 percent are female. the report stated. Nine percent are veterans.

Lyft began operating in Philadelphia in early 2015. It first became fully legal in November after Gov. Tom Wolf signed legislation legalizing Lyft, Uber and similar taxi apps.

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BRIEF

Philly health officials approve new tobacco sales restrictions

Any plans that tobacco retailers might have to expand into Philadelphia's residential areas probably have gone up in smoke in light of the city's new sales restrictions.

The city's Board of Health unanimously decided late last week to limit the number of retail permits for tobacco sellers based on commuter census figures, not residential population.

Starting Feb. 15, one sales permit per 1,000 people will be

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available, which means that due to the influx of workers in Center City, that area will have a greater number of retailers than in residential neighborhoods.

"It seemed appropriate from a business perspective, and we saw also that there was some public health benefit, too," Health Commissioner Thomas A. Farley said.

Another change announced prohibits new permits from being issued to retailers within 500 feet of schools. This will go into effect on Jan. 1.

Stores already selling in these zones are grandfathered in, but will be unable to transfer their current permits. However, specialty sellers, like cigar shops who want to sell their store, can apply for a one-time transfer within the first 180 days of 2017.

The new restrictions also include raising the permit fee to $300 from $50 to subsidize tobacco-sales enforcement, as well as the loss of a permit for one year for sellers who have three underage sales violations within a two-year period.

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Assistant City Solicitor Duncan Lloyd, seen at left in his LinkedIn profile picture, was caught on camera participating in the tagging of a Chestnut Hill grocery store with the message "F— Trump." PROVIDED

City attorney linked to anti-Trump vandalism keeps job

Duncan Lloyd, 32, won't face charges for his involvement in the spray-painting of an obscenity on a wall.

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Duncan Lloyd, a Philadelphia city attorney who sipped wine as his friend spray-painted a message against President-elect Donald Trump, will not face charges and is keeping his job, authorities said.

Lloyd, an assistant city solicitor, was captured on surveillance footage on Nov. 25 with a friend, who wrote "F— Trump" on the wall of a Chestnut Hill Fresh Market grocery store. The friend who spray-painted the message has not been identified. Lloyd, 32, didn't spray-paint anything, but was seen holding his phone up, as though he was taking photos or recording video.

Philadelphia police have estimated the damage to be between $3,000 and $10,000.

First Deputy City Solicitor of the Philadelphia Law Department Craig Straw told the Philadelphia Inquirer Saturday that Lloyd will not face charges, but must complete 40 hours of community service with the city's Community Life Improvement Program's Graffiti Abatement Team. Lloyd has been on an unpaid leave since the incident.

"Even though Mr. Lloyd's actions did not amount to criminal conduct, the Law Department feels that his actions were inappropriate and warrant additional disciplinary action beyond the suspension without pay," Straw said in a statement.

But the city's Republican Party disagrees. Joe DeFelice, chairman of the Philadelphia GOP, told NBC10 he thinks Lloyd should be fired.

"For somebody with extensive legal training to feel entitled to vandalize a newly opened supermarket strikes us at the Philadelphia Republican Party as an astonishing feat of idiocy," DeFelice told the news station. "Did the extra glass of Shiraz give him some sort of delusional confidence that there are no cameras on Germantown Ave.? The taxpayers should be entrusting exactly none of our faith into this man. He should be fired from our city's law department immediately."

In a previous statement, DeFelice called the incident "the most bourgeois sight imaginable," calling out Lloyd's prep-school outfit — a navy blazer and chinos — during the vandalism.

Lloyd turned himself in to police and has been cooperating with authorities.

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Italy hurries to form a new government, banking crisis looms

Elections could be called as soon as parliament finishes rewriting the electoral law.

Italian President Sergio Mattarella asked Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni on Sunday to try to form a new government, giving him a mandate to lead Italy out of a political crisis caused by the resignation of Matteo Renzi.

Gentiloni, a former journalist and Renzi loyalist, is set to be Italy's fifth prime minister in as many years and the fourth in a row to take office without winning a national election.

The soft-spoken 62-year-old immediately began consultations to form a government that will have to write a new electoral law and manage Italy's fragile banks.

President of Italy Sergio Mattarella delivers a speech during a press conference after his several meeting with political parties in Rome, this past Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

Chief among his duties will be dealing quickly with Monte dei Paschi di Siena, the country's third-largest lender, which may need state intervention to avoid collapse.

"I am aware of the urgent need to give Italy a government with full powers, to reassure our fellow citizens, to confront our international, economic and social priorities," he said.

Italy's social and political divisions were laid bare in campaigning for a Dec. 4 referendum on constitutional reform that was roundly rejected, prompting Renzi to resign.

All major parties have called for elections as soon as possible, but replacing the current electoral law, which applies only to the lower house and could be declared invalid in January by the Constitutional Court, is also likely to dictate the timetable.

Gentiloni said he would "facilitate, if possible, the parliamentary forces' task of quickly defining new electoral rules".

"There are just two windows of opportunity for elections, either it's a snap election in Q2 2017 or it's the natural end of the legislature in 2018," said Francesco Galietti of risk consultancy Policy Sonar.

He said several factors could influence the election date, including dealing with the banking crisis, the summit of the G7 nations scheduled in Sicily in May, and the need to name chiefs for a raft of state-owned companies as tenures run out.

Commentators said Gentiloni could present his list of proposed cabinet members to the head of state as early as Monday, even waiting until after European markets opened.

"The important thing is that the markets already know that with Gentiloni there will be no radical change," said Maurizio Caprara, commentator for Italy's Corriere della Sera newspaper.

Gentiloni said his government would move "within the same framework" as the outgoing government but Renzi's Democratic Party (PD) is itself severely divided between backers of the former prime minister, such as Gentiloni, and opponents.

Once his cabinet is sworn in by the president, the government will then face votes of confidence in both houses of parliament. The ruling coalition, headed by the PD, has a majority in both so Gentiloni could win the votes in time to attend a European Union meeting on Thursday as prime minister. REUTERS

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NEWS FROM ABROAD

When Donald Trump won the election, who knew foreign affairs would so quickly become an issue? Alright, I guess everybody did. Accordingly, here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

1. THE CHINA SYNDROME

So far the Chinese have been relatively cool as the President-elect has played telephone tag with Taiwan and kicked sand at Beijing over trade and currency. But his assertion that the One China policy is not set in stone, and that China ought to be doing more to control North Korea can't go unnoticed forever. When will the sleeping dragon awaken? My suspicion is sooner rather than later and while Chinese leaders may keep their public statements muted a bit longer, I would not be surprised to hear some rumblings from afar before you can get halfway through your holiday shopping list.

2. RUSSIAN TO CONCLUSIONS

The uproar over what the Russians have — or have not — done in the way of hacking U.S. computers is getting hotter fast. While Team Trump shrugs off any suggestions that Vladimir Putin and his pals fiddled with the election, the U.S. intelligence community is increasingly confident that Russia meddled to try and tip the contest for Trump. A bipartisan group of senators are making noise about hearings. Like everything else in D.C. these days, how the evidence is seen depends a good bit on partisan viewpoints. But this is as clear as Red Square on a satellite photo: The issue is not going away and you can bet your babushkas it will roll right through the holidays and into the new year.

3. OH YEAH, THE DEMOCRATS

It's still not clear how the Democrats plan to organize their resistance to the Trump administration, but at least they seem to be pulling together a little in preparation for the fight. Don't look for any clear organizational power structure to emerge soon, but keep an eye on which big Dems show up the most in your headlines over the next three or four weeks — likely they'll remain in the forefront of the opposition when the presidential oath is taken in January.

BRIEF

Top tech executives to attend Trump summit on Wednesday: Recode

Top executives from Alphabet Inc, Apple Inc and Facebook Inc are among a small group of tech leaders invited to a summit to be held on Wednesday by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, Recode reported, citing sources.

Executives from Microsoft Corp, Intel Corp and Oracle Corp will also be among "a very heady group of less than a dozen, comprising most of the key players in the sector" to attend the summit, Recode said.

Billionaire entrepreneur and Tesla Motors Inc CEO Elon Musk will also be in attendance, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

"I plan to tell the president-elect that we are with him and are here to help in any way we can," Oracle Chief Executive Officer Safra Catz told Reuters in an emailed statement.

"If he can reform the tax code, reduce regulation, and negotiate better trade deals, the U.S. technology community will be stronger and more competitive than ever."

Amazon.com Inc CEO and founder Jeff Bezos was also invited and is likely to attend, Recode said citing sources with knowledge of the situation.

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Trump says reports Russia helped him in election are 'ridiculous'

He blamed Democrats for news reports on the intelligence findings and said he did not believe they came from the Central Intelligence Agency.

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"I don't know what to make of it because it's clear the Russians interfered."

McCain, on CBS

President-elect Donald Trump rejected as "ridiculous" U.S. intelligence reports that Russia intervened in the presidential election on his behalf through targeted hacking, putting him at odds with top lawmakers who vowed to investigate the findings.

"I think it's ridiculous. I think it's just another excuse. I don't believe it," Trump said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

Trump's reluctance to blame Russia for interfering in the U.S. election has raised concerns among U.S. officials who fear he will go soft on Moscow at a time when they are worried about its increasingly aggressive behavior on cyber attacks and in Crimea, Ukraine and Syria.

A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, harshly criticized Trump's rejection of the assessment that Russian hacking was intended to boost the president-elect's prospects in the Nov. 8 election.

"It's concerning that intelligence on Russian actions related to the U.S. election is being dismissed out of hand as false or politically partisan," said the U.S. intelligence official.

"The inclination to ignore such intelligence and impugn the integrity of U.S. intelligence officials is contrary to all that is sacred to national security professionals who work day and night to protect this country."

The unusually harsh comment underscored the unprecedented tensions that Trump has created with the intelligence community he will command even before he's been sworn into office.

Two leading U.S. Senate foreign policy voices from Trump's own party expressed alarm on Sunday about the possibility of Moscow tipping the scales in favor of an American presidential candidate and promised to begin investigating immediately.

The Obama White House, which has ordered intelligence agencies to review cyber attacks and foreign intervention in the 2016 election, has formally accused Russia of a campaign of cyber attacks against Democratic Party organizations ahead of the presidential election.

Russian officials, who have previously vehemently denied accusations of interference in the U.S. election, were quiet.

In his search for a secretary of state, Trump, a New York real estate magnate, is strongly considering Exxon Mobil Corp Chief Executive Rex Tillerson, who has close ties with Moscow and has spoken out against U.S. sanctions on Russia.

Republican Sen. John McCain expressed concern about Tillerson's close relationship with Russian leader Vladimir Putin. "That would color his approach to Vladimir Putin and the Russian threat," he said on Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." REUTERS

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More than 100 killed in church collapse in Nigeria

At least 100 people were killed by the collapse of a church in southeastern Nigeria, a resident and photojournalist who visited a morgue said on Sunday, but officials put the death toll at just 27.

"At Uyo teaching hospital where I am now I could see over a hundred corpses, many are heaped on top off each other on the floor," said photojournalist Ini Samuel. "Eye witnesses also said yesterday corpses were packed in four each bag."

Gary Ubong, a resident, said the church's roof had collapsed on worshippers while a pastor was being consecrated as bishop in the presence of government officials.

"I saw more than 100 dead bodies brought out on loaders," said Ubong, who said he had rushed to the scene. "I also went to two hospitals and saw heaps of dead bodies difficult to count."

Reigners Bible Church International in Uyo, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria. GETTY IMAGES

State police spokeswoman Cordelia Nwawe said 27 had been killed and 30 injured when the Reigners Bible church in Akwa Ibom state capital Uyo collapsed during a service on Saturday.

Etete Peters, Chief Medical Director of the University of Uyo teaching hospital, said 21 bodies had been delivered to his clinic and two of the injured admitted for treatment had died.

"Victims are in private hospitals and mortuaries scattered all over Uyo metropolis. We can't really tell how many people have died so far," he said. "We do not have space as people are still being brought in."

State police commissioner Murtala Mani "debunked speculations that as many as 60 or 120 worshipers died in the incident," state news agency NAN said. The state emergency agency NEMA said in a statement that six people had been killed and 115 injured.

Another Uyo resident, Akpan Eminem, said he had been told by hospital staff that 79 people had died in the accident.

State governor Udom Emmanuel, who escaped unhurt from the church service, ordered the arrest of the building contractor, state news agency NAN said.

Buildings collapses are frequent in the West African nation and often blamed by officials on lack of construction permits and the use of cheap materials amid widespread corruption.

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Source: Rick Perry a leading candidate for energy post

Rick Perry, who proposed eliminating the U.S. Energy Department during his unsuccessful bid for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, has emerged as a leading candidate to head the agency under President-elect Donald Trump, a transition official said on Sunday.

Democratic U.S. Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia also are in the running for the job as Trump continues to fill key positions in his administration ahead of taking office on Jan. 20, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Perry served as governor of Texas, a leading oil-producing state, from 2000 when he succeeded President George W. Bush until 2015. In his two unsuccessful presidential runs, he touted his record of job creation in the second-most-populous state.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry GETTY IMAGES

Perry's proposal to scrap the Energy Department caused what has become known as his "oops" moment during a November 2011 debate when he could not remember the departments he wanted to eliminate.

"It's three agencies of government when I get there that are gone: commerce, education and the um, what's the third one there? Let's see," Perry said.

His debate adversaries tried to prod his memory, but Perry ultimately gave up, saying, "I can't. The third one, I can't. Sorry. Oops." It was the Energy Department, which is responsible for U.S. energy policy and oversees the nation's nuclear weapons program.

Perry also ran for the 2016 presidential nomination against Trump but dropped out in September 2015 after gaining little traction. Perry initially was a fierce critic of Trump but later endorsed Trump and called him "the people's choice."

In July 2015, Perry said: "Let no one be mistaken: Donald Trump's candidacy is a cancer on conservatism, and it must be clearly diagnosed, excised and discarded."

If Perry gets the job, it would be further indication that the incoming Trump administration may be friendly toward the fossil fuel industry.

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Drake gives DJ Khaled some major keys

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Less than two months ago, DJ Khaled became a dad. You may have seen it all go down on his Snapchat. The 41-year-old hitmaker captured most of his girlfriend's labor and delivery on the social media platform because, well … that's just how DJ Khaled is. And the proud papa isn't the only one who thinks new life is a reason to do it big.

His friend and collaborator, Drake, sent Khaled and baby Asahd a gift that they certainly won't be returning. The "Hotline Bling" rapper had a set of matching diamond keys engraved with Khaled and Asahd's names.

Khaled is known for being a little sappy. So it goes without saying that he was deeply touched by Drake's sentimental gift. He poured out his thanks in an Instagram video on Friday.

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Kanye West goes blond after release from the hospital

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It's been 13 days since Kanye West was released from UCLA Medical Center where he was being treated for dehydration, sleep deprivation and exhaustion.

Unlike his wife, Kim Kardashian, who is still maintaining a low profile after her robbery, Kanye has been pretty active and even out in public following his hospitalization. Here's a rundown of what he's been up to:

— Making music. Sources have told TMZ that now that Kanye is stabilized on medication, he's feeling more creative than ever and is laying tracks in his Bel-Air mansion.

— Dyeing his hair. In his first public appearance since being released, Kanye attended an art installation at the Pacific Design Center on Friday sporting a new blond look. They have more fun, after all.

— Home renovations. TMZ says that with the extra time on his hands, Kanye has been more involved in the updates to the couple's Hidden Hills mansion.

— Riding his bike. E! News reports that Kanye was spotted riding his bike with some friends. He even wore a helmet.

It looks like Yeezy is already bouncing back "Stronger" than ever.

Kylie Jenner dresses up as Christina Aguilera again for singer's birthday party

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Kylie Jenner won Halloween this year when she dressed up as Christina Aguilera from her iconic "Dirrty" music video. Jenner donned red and black chaps and a platinum blonde wig with dark streaks to complete the look. Aguilera appreciated the nod and even gave Jenner a shoutout on Instagram. But the singer was apparently so impressed that she wanted to see the getup in person.

At Aguilera's request, the 19-year-old lip queen was in attendance for an early celebration of the singer's 36th birthday on Saturday. She once again dressed as the pop icon, this time in yellow. The duo snapped several pictures together and even shared a racy kiss.

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Janice Dickinson ties the knot

Veteran supermodel Janice Dickinson tied the knot on Saturday with her fiance of four years, psychiatrist Robert Gerner. Entertainment Tonight reports that the couple wed in a small ceremony at the Beverly Hills home of one of Dickinson's friends. Dickinson, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, made headlines last year when she came forward with allegations that Bill Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her in 1982.

But none of that could put a damper on her big day. She told ET on Saturday that she was "so delighted, ecstatic, over the moon, out of body, a runaway bride." The nuptials were captured by ET's cameras. Dickinson has already been married three times and, at 61, she's proving that it's never too late to find love. The fact that her hubby is a shrink can't hurt either.

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You can still party at 30

T.J. Miller says "Office Christmas Party" is perfect for the holidays this year.

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T.J. Miller has an idea: You should go see "Office Christmas Party." Obviously he does; he's in it. But the "Silicon Valley" star has another reason to get butts in seats: It's a comedy. And right now, with all that's going on, we need distractions. In the movie, Miller plays the boss of a struggling branch of an internet server company. Things are so gloomy that the annual holiday shindig gets well out of hand, with assistance from Jason Bateman, Kate McKinnon and a hard-partying Courtney B. Vance.

I've noticed a lot of people saying they're really in the mood for comedies now. They want to take their mind off what's going in the world.

One of the things we can do right now is take the holidays off and settle into what this is. And what this is is a time to laugh. It's a time to laugh and go together to see a comedy. That also means you don't have to talk to your family for an hour-and-a-half. Then you talk about how funny it was for an hour, an hour-and-a-half afterwards. So that's two-and-a-half to three hours of stress-free time. That's what we're offering.

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As you get older, starting with turning 30, it's hard to party like you used to.

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Maybe getting high rather than drinking might be the secret.

Alcohol tends to be a little harder on the body as you get older. Marijuana is big now, especially with vaporizing, and it becoming legal in so many places — well, the places that need money and are going to use it correctly. I think marijuana becomes the jam the older you get. And I think nitrous oxide in moderation at the dentist can really help as well. As you age, so does the wisdom of your party skill set.

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Sad13 GETTY IMAGES

Sadie Dupuis, lead singer for guitar rockers Speedy Ortiz, knew she wanted to make a pop record.

Just before recording "Slugger," her debut solo effort as Sad13, Dupuis did a fundraising tour with Speedy Ortiz for the Girls Rock Camp Foundation where she donated all profits to the organization and met the some of the campers. "I was thinking of these kids and also myself as a kid," she says. "[This record]'s a response to some of the stuff I listened to when I was 13."

The self-produced, 11-track album, which she says was inspired by alt-pop like Blood Orange and Solange, dives into empowering themes like consent, finding one's identity and female friendship. It's a sweet, glittery collection of songs full of witty lyrics and video game-esque synths.

We chat with Dupuis about switching from guitars to synths, self-producing the record and learning more about herself through "Slugger."

Musically, what was it like having keyboards and synths as your instrument of choice?

I've been playing guitar as my primary instrument in a live setting for like 15 years at this point. So it's been fun to have less of a comfort zone on your instrument. I feel like on guitar, I have limitations because I don't want to do things that I perceive as easy or obvious even if they fit the song well whereas I don't have those hang-ups with the synth or keyboard.

How did "Get a Yes" come together?

Sometimes, songs write themselves pretty quickly. That was one of those. It kind of has this weird, silly feeling to it. I just tried to make it sound like a really fun song, especially because I wanted to do a song that was a positive celebration of affirmative consent so I wanted to make it sound as pop as possible.

Was it difficult to self-produce the album?

It's not as difficult as one might imagine. I felt that it was important to give myself that kind of credit for the record just so that more people can see that it's not something that has to be daunting or not something that you have to go into the studio and save up the money to do. This kind of record, I knew I could make at home. I did it in like two weeks. It wasn't that hard.

Through writing and recording "Slugger," did you come to any new revelations about relationships and love for yourself?

Sometimes you're channeling some of your own feelings that maybe are a bit subliminal. At least I am in my own lyrical process. I made this record in January, but coming back to it now — I don't know if I totally understood everything I was writing at the time, but sometimes it makes more sense in hindsight.

What message do you hope listeners will receive from the album?

The thing that is most exciting to me is that it's 99 percent home-recorded. If anybody felt inspired to record themselves after hearing this record, I think that would be the coolest thing for me.

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This holiday season, folks are getting hip to the festive, stylin' potential of the traditional Yuletide adornment, yanking the skirts out from under the tree and wrapping them around themselves instead. (Really *embodying* the holiday spirit.) And they're getting creative: Beyond skirts, they're wearing them as ponchos, and even tying them over their dogs' shoulders as mini-capes.

We're in favor of this repurposing, because what real function does a Christmas tree skirt serve under the tree, anyway? Brief history: Legend has it that once upon a time in Germany, folks used to decorate their Christmas trees with actual candles (no idea how anyone survived that), and so a tree skirt was put in place to collect the dripping wax and aid in cleanup.

Nowadays, they're for the sake of decoration and to conceal the unsightly — gasp! — tree stand from view. But, our thinking is, if the fabric is nice enough to embellish the base of your Christmas tree, why disguise it underneath a dying pine, where it runs the risk of being spoiled by dirty tree water, or worse, pissed on by the family pet? Why not do your grandma, or your aunt or your mama proud and honor the family holiday heirloom by wearing it out in the world so others might marvel at her deft needlepoint and design?

Also: When it comes to putting together a holiday lewk — who has the time? We say, f—k tradition; you need that skirt much more than your tree does.

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This month, don't be alarmed if you see someone taking a donkey for a walk in Old City.

"You have to stretch its legs," says Roxana Drusemire of Mayfair, a volunteer at the Old First Reformed United Church of Christ. For the past 43 years, the church has welcomed a school of animals to be displayed at its crèche, or nativity scene, outside its office at the corner of 4th and Race Streets during the holiday season.

Not to be outdone by the commercialism of the holidays, the pastor all those years ago, the Rev. H. Daehler Hayes, came up with the idea of including real animals so people would remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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Many come from the congregation as well as the local community. Duties include building the crèche, replacing the straw, feeding the animals and walking the donkey.

Drusemire, who discovered the church when she lived in Old City, felt sorry for the donkey being in such a confined space. Like a dog, it needs to be walked.

Keeping the donkey happy is pivotal to the celebration because on Christmas Eve, the church stages a *posada*, a Latin American tradition that re-creates the journey of Mary, Joseph and the donkey searching for a place to stay through the town of Bethlehem.

Due to the rising costs of renting the animals, the church has had to scale back its normal tradition of three weeks to just 10 days. But don't fret — it has a GoFundMe account if you'd like to contribute.

Teresa Warnick, office administrator for OldFirstUCC, says the response for the crèche has always been very favorable.

"Last year, for the first time we did a contest to see where people came from to see the crèche for the first time, and nearly 100 people gave us their names and contact information. We have several hundred visitors while the animals are here."

She continues, "When I was hired in 2015, my next door neighbor in Wyncote told me all about the crèche, they went down every year, brought their children and now their grandchildren."

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4 tips for writing a college essay that shines

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Don't be afraid to get a little personal on your application.

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There's a reason Janine Robinson named her site devoted to guiding students through the college essay application process Essay Hell.

"It's the most dreaded piece of writing people do in their lifetimes," says Robinson, a former journalist and English teacher who now coaches students. "There's so much riding on it, but no one has taught students how to write this kind of essay."

We asked Robinson for her advice on creating an essay that shines.

Get a little personal

It may surprise people, but Robinson says the best students often write the worst college essays. "Students might not understand that these essays are supposed to be personal, and not the formal essays they are used to," Robinson explains. "You should ditch that five-paragraph formula and avoid using words like 'nevertheless' and 'furthermore.'"

Instead, students should think of how they want to introduce themselves to admissions officers. "The voice should be familiar," Robinson says.

Tell a good story

Many students Robinson works with worry that their lives aren't interesting enough to write about. "They think they need to impress the reader by having a topic that's about something like how they climbed Mount Whitney," she says. "But the best essays I've read have been about mundane topics. Students really do have a lot to talk about."

For example, have you been babysitting since you were in middle school? Are you a huge music fan? Those are perfectly good topics to write about in your essay. "I tell students to just think about what they do on a Saturday," Robinson explains.

Show some personality

A common mistake students make is writing essays that are too general and devoid of any personality. "Being boring is like death to an effective college essay," says Robinson. "Pick one quality or descriptor that you want to highlight in your essay. Then your essay will have a sharp focus because you are showcasing that quality.

Highlight a conflict

We don't mean you have to write about a family tragedy or a catastrophic event in your life. "One trick is to find something that has happened to you and think about how it included a problem you had to solve," says Robinson. The problem could be as simple as you overcoming a personal phobia, like a fear of heights, or getting a driver's license after lots of practice. "I had one student who wrote about how he dealt with his excessive body hair," she recalls. "It was a killer essay."

What Jo knows

Maven Jo Malone says her weekly advice column is an opportunity to "give back" to the community. ALL IMAGES PROVIDED

With her new empire, Jo Malone pays it forward.

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Jo Malone is like a phoenix reborn. Following time away from being a decades-long fixture of the fragrance industry, the scent savant has now launched Jo Loves, a new line of luxury candles and body products.

Malone also pens a weekly Monday column (aptly named Ask Jo Malone) for the U.K.'s Evening Standard, where she and her experts and colleagues hand out business advice to budding (and experienced) entrepreneurs. Naturally, when we got Malone to chat for a few minutes, we couldn't help but ask her for some advice of our own.

At what point does a hobby goes from being a project to a career?

I think there's nothing wrong with a hobby. I built a business from a kitchen sink with four plastic jugs and turned it into a global brand. The minute it becomes your main source of income with expenses and overhead, you need to start thinking of it as something other than a hobby. As a hobby, it can be Monday, Wednesday and Friday — but a business is all the time.

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What's your creative process usually like?

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3 Things we saw as Eagles faltered in final minutes vs. Washington

The Eagles' eighth loss of the season assures they won't have a winning record in 2016.

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The Eagles played well Sunday afternoon — but they still lost.

Costly unforced errors by individual players throughout the 27-22 setback dropped the Eagles out of playoff contention in a thoroughly entertaining, dramatic affair on South Broad Street.

It was a game that arguably had everything — big plays on both sides of the ball, important injuries that affected strategy (the Eagles were on their backup long snapper in the second half) and even a minor brawl (after an early hit on Darren Sproles who was trying to catch a punt).

The third-string long snapping by Trey Burton (it was high but Donnie Jones handled it) was the most important performance for the Eagles as Caleb Sturgis nailed his third field goal of the game, a 41-yarder to put the Eagles up 22-21 with five minutes to play.

Washington converted a fourth-and-two at the 36 yard line and few plays later, Chris Thompson found the end zone to give the Redskins a 27-22 lead with 1:53 to play.

Needing to go the length of the field in that span, quarterback Carson Wentz methodically weaved his way through the Redskins defense with clutch passes to Jordan Matthews and Zach Ertz, driving all the way to Washington's 14 yard line, where on second down Wentz was sacked to end the game — nearly exactly like the first time the two teams met.

Here are three things we saw in the setback, dropping the Eagles to 5-8 on the year.

1 Points left on the field

On the Eagles' opening drive, the squad resembled the quick-moving West Coast unit that played so well at home through their first four wins at the Linc. Unfortunately a makeshift offensive line was unable to give Wentz (3 of 4 for 32 yards and rushed for one first down on drive) enough time after leading the team down the field for a 45-yard Sturgis field goal.

After a defensive three-and-out, a deep bomb to Nelson Agholor earned the Birds a pass interference call to set up a potential touchdown deep in the red zone, but a slant pass to a Redskins defender ended the drive and resulted in a pick for Washington.

On the next drive, Wentz again led the Eagles down the field deep into Washington territory. Again, the drive stalled on a third-and-short and wound up with three points for the Birds on a chip-shot field goal.

The Eagles defense did not provide enough support for a solid effort Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

2 Good luck, bad luck

The Redskins got on the board late in the second quarter after Doug Pederson decided not to challenge a 9-yard Pierre Garcon completion that would likely have been overturned with just one foot in bounds. Just two plays later, Washington was in the lead, 7-6, after a 22-yard Robert Kelly spring to the end zone.

In the second half, Darren Sproles' would-be touchdown return on a Redskins punt was called back due to a supposed block in the back by Ertz — a continuation of the self-inflicted wounds suffered by the Eagles all season long. After a punt, DeSean Jackson made himself right at home in South Philly, sprinting deep and snagging a bomb from Kirk Cousins for 80 yards (annihilating Leodis McKelvin in coverage) and the go-ahead touchdown, a 14-13 lead.

Talk about bad luck: The Eagles, facing a 50-yard field goal toward the end of the third, were without long snapper Jon Dorembos — out with a wrist injury — and a low snap from emergency snapper Brent Celek led to a big loss of yards and turnover on towns. The Redskins made Philly pay with a touchdown fade pass to Garcon on their ensuing drive.

McKelvin made up for his mistake, picking off Cousins a drive later on a pick-six, getting the Eagles within two after a miss two-point conversion, 21-19.

3 Welcome back, Wentz

Two mistakes by the rookie QB will overshadow a whole lot of good he showed in the game. A strip sack ended the game on the Eagles' last drive, and an interception in the end zone took six points off the board.

But he extended several plays. Though many ended in an incompletion, they avoided a sack or worse thanks to his body strength, awareness and agility.

He led the Eagles in a successful two-minute drill late in the first half as the team pick up 77 yards on 12 plays — resulting in a 4-yard touchdown toss in the corner of the end zone to Sproles. Thanks to his impressive first-half performance, the team led, 13-7, after 30 minutes.

The quarterback led the Eagles triumphantly to another field goal in the fourth quarter, his quick thinking putting the Eagles just inside Sturgis' range.

NFL Week 14 roundup: Lions move into first, Titans upset Broncos

Week 14 boasted some very interesting results. Here's a look at the early action:

Miami 26, Arizona 23
Kenny Stills caught a heave from backup Matt Moore with 37 seconds left and dove to the Cardinals' (5-7-1) 1-yard line to set up a 21-yard Andrew Franks field goal to win the game. Moore entered the game after Ryan Tannehill suffered a knee injury. David Johnson set an NFL record by beginning the season with 13 straight 100-plus yard games.

Minnesota 25, Jacksonville 16
The Vikings (7-6) and Jaguars (2-11) kicked seven straight field goals to begin this game before touchdowns finally broke out in the second half. The Vikings offense and Sam Bradford had their best game in months and it led to the second win in their last eight games.

Tennessee 13, Denver 10
The Titans (7-6) meanwhile, saw both the Houston-Indianapolis result and this game go in their favor. DeMarco Murray had 92 rushing yards and a touchdown, while new signing Justin Forsett was the Broncos' leading rusher with just six carries for 17 yards.

Pittsburgh 27, Buffalo 20
The Steelers (8-5) won their fourth in a row under snowy conditions in Buffalo. Le'Veon Bell frolicked to 236 rushing yards, 62 receiving yards and three touchdowns in Mike Tomlin's 100th career victory.

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Carolina 28, San Diego 16
The Panthers (5-8) built a 26-7 lead, but it suddenly looked in jeopardy when, after it had been narrowed to 26-16, rookie Trovon Reed intercepted Cam Newton at the goal line, got up and returned in all the way for a Chargers (5-8) touchdown, before being ruled down by contact on the initial pick. On the following drive, Philip Rivers was sacked in the end zone and what looked like a turning point was gone.

Cincinnati 23, Cleveland 10
Robert Griffin III took the field for the first time since Week 1, but nothing else changed in Cleveland. The Browns (0-13) averaged 7.7 yards per rush and 2.7 yards per pass, and appropriately called 31 passes and 21 rushes.

Detroit 20, Chicago 17
Matthew Stafford threw a pick-six to Cre'von LeBlanc to see the Bears (3-10) take a 17-13 lead in the fourth quarter, but made up for it with a rambling 7-yard touchdown scramble with 3:20 remaining. Chicago's ensuing drive ended on fourth down when Josh Bellamy couldn't pull in Matt Barkley's (20 of 32, 212 yards, TD) pass. The Lions (9-4) have won eight of their last nine games.

Houston 22, Indianapolis 17
The Texans (7-6) gave themselves a big advantage in the final weeks of the season, and came close to ensuring that the AFC South will come down to their season finale against the Titans, whom they have already beaten once this season.

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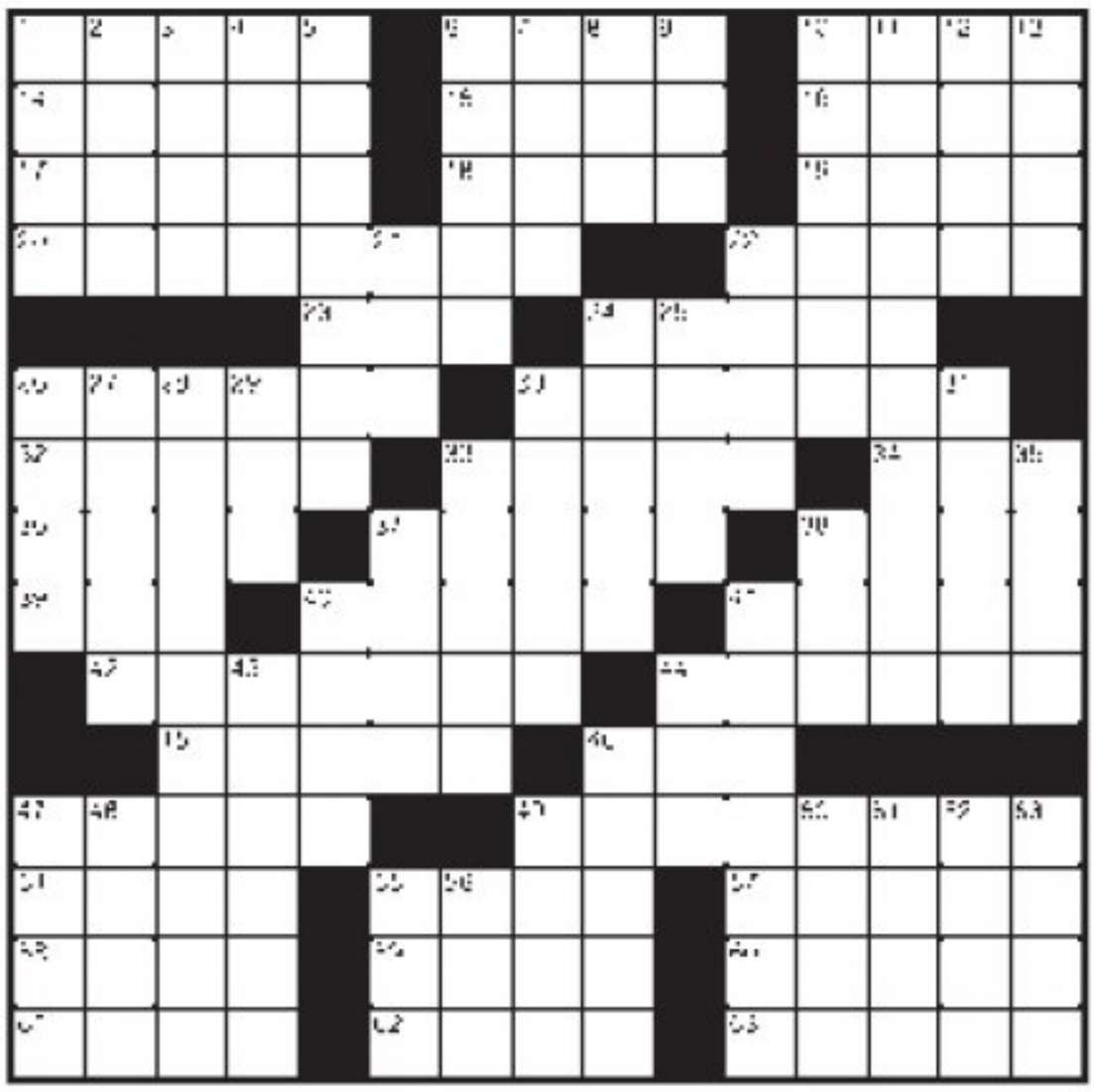

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6 Dragged into court
10 Long shoal
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15 Suits to -- --
16 Buddhist monk
17 Brontosaur snack
18 Price increase
19 Type of exam
20 Leaves the dock (2 wds.)
22 Posh
23 Attorney's deg.
24 Wernher von -- of rockets
26 Beset
30 Mountaineer's aid
32 Not with-it
33 Kentucky settler
34 FDR org.
36 Make muddy
37 Billowing garment
38 Mr. Zatopek
39 Tentacle
40 Lowed
41 "I could -- -- unfold ... " (Hamlet)
42 Nero or Napoleon
44 Threat ender (2 wds.)
45 Large antelope
46 Cen. fractions
47 Isak's real name
49 Ancestor
54 Charles Lamb
55 Strad
57 "Hot Lips," for one
58 Make shore
59 Secret sign
60 Cays
61 Greedy ones
62 Plops down
63 Peek at the cards

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1 Innsbruck locale
2 Field mouse
3 I smell -- --!
4 Rural stopovers
5 Blurt out, say (2 wds.)
6 Bwana, in India
7 Gas or tel.
8 Cartoon shriek
9 Fiddle-de- --
10 Decelerate (2 wds.)
11 Telepathic, e.g.
12 "-- -- Old Cowhand"
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Taurus If you put in a full-fledged effort, you will avoid criticism. It's important to honor your word and to live within your means. Don't overspend.

Gemini There's a lot to do, but you must also take time to relax. Do your best to spruce up your appearance and plan your itinerary for the festive season.

Cancer Use your imagination when dealing with your peers or relatives. When in doubt, ask questions and look for practical, cost-efficient alternatives.

Leo Reach out to someone from your past. Consider the changes you want to make and start the ball rolling. Take an energetic approach where finances are concerned.

Virgo Emotional situations will escalate if someone isn't being honest. Take a hard look at anything that seems dubious. Offer suggestions, but don't interfere.

Libra Keep an open mind when dealing with your home and family. Consider ways that you can improve your health, emotional well-being and physical appearance.

Scorpio Evaluate your personal and business partnerships and consider what you can do to make them more rewarding and fruitful. The effort you put in will be appreciated.

Sagittarius Take the initiative. Opportunity is waiting for you to grab hold and move forward. Professional gains are apparent, and incentives will be made available.

Capricorn Don't feel pressured to make a snap decision. Exercise your right to find a better solution. Someone will use false information to entice you.

Aquarius It's a good day to make physical or environmental improvements. Wherever you want to put your energy, the results will turn out well. Romance is in the stars.

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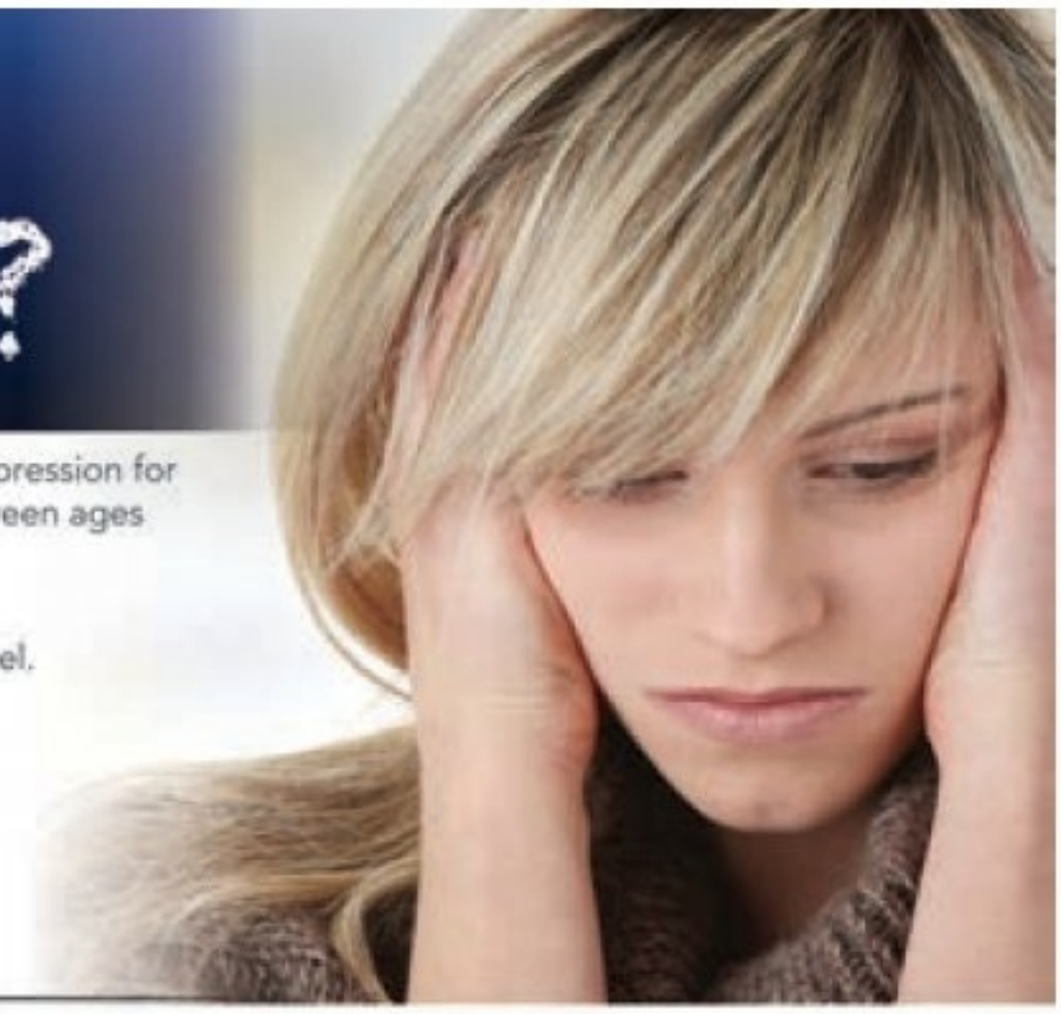

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